

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE  
MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES**

**JUNE 15, 2005**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Municipal Golf Commission was called to order by Chairman Skip Rowland, at 3:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Long Beach Junior Golf Academy Building, 6730 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California. Chairman Skip Rowland took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Skip Rowland, Chairman	
	Phil Barlow, Vice-Chairman	Betty Hatcher
	Gail Berns	Bill Townsend
	John McCann	Robin Bellamy
	Tonny Christensen	Bob Peeters
	Becky Turley	Ray McElhenney
	Len Kennett	Linda Cook

**Excused:** None

**Staff:** Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations  
Terry Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations  
Emy Arteaga, Golf Operations Support

**American Golf:** Lisa Georgeson, Junior Golf Coordinator

**Audience:** Al Theriault

**2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

- Chairman Rowland welcomed and asked all guests to please sign in and introduce themselves.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 25, 2005**

- The minutes of the May 25, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved with two changes as shown below.

Golf clinic for special education students of the Long Beach Unified School District was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at Skylinks Golf Course. All of the students, teachers, and student aides had a great time. Changed Mr. to **Ms.** Georgeson thanked the staff at Skylinks Golf Course for their assistance

GPS Update: The City Manager approved the fee adjustment on Friday, May 20, 2005 our department then authorized American Golf to move forward with contracting with Pro Shot to have their GPS system installed on all of the carts at Skylinks Golf Course. Appropriate notice of a \$1 per cart fee corrected to **\$1 per golfer fee** increase at Skylinks will be properly posted immediately and the new fee would become effective as soon as the GPS equipment installation is completed and tested to be operationally functional.

**It was moved by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Berns that the Municipal Golf Commission approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **4. GOLF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Rounds of golf for May were down by 2,628 (-6.78%) over the total course rounds for May. Total rounds of golf were down by 33,327 (-18.90%) for the year compared to this time last year. **(Skylinks was removed from the comparison because of renovation closure).**
- Mr. Lortz asked the commissioners if they had any questions or comments on the rounds/financial report for the month of May.
- Mr. Lortz reviewed the highlights of the Monthly Facilities Report and asked the commissioners if they had any questions on any of the reports.
- CIP Golf Fund - Current balance approximately = \$28,199
- CIP Surcharge Total = \$75,742

#### **5. AMERICAN GOLF REPORT**

- Junior Golf 1% Fund available balance May 30, 2005 = \$84,045.80
- Little Linksters Fund available balance May 30, 2005 = \$73,510.18
- Ms. Lisa Georgeson provided an update on the various junior golf programs in our City.

- The Long Beach Junior Golf Association currently has 391 registered members.
- D-Day Tournament was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Heartwell Golf Course. This tournament is the annual shotgun fundraising event for the Long Beach Junior Golf Association. The tournament was very successful with 144 players. A special thank you to everyone that participated and contributed.
- The Little Linksters Program has been scheduled for the last two weeks of July which would be July 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 25 – 29<sup>th</sup>. The first session is full and the second session is 60% full.

## **6. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS**

### **A. Capital Improvement Projects – Bill Townsend**

- Commissioners have a draft CIP list to review and share with their clubs. A final list will be compiled with all the necessary changes. All commissioners are to send in their comments to Terry Lortz.

### **B. Fees and Charges – Bob Peeters**

- The committee submitted a fees and charges time line for review.

### **C. Hall of Fame – Len Kennett**

- Mr. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, and Recreation & Marine approved the nominees submitted for the Hall of Fame.
- Once again Commissioner Kennett asked the commissioners to attend the Long Beach Open on Sunday, July 24, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. to support the Hall of Fame award recipients.

### **D. Policies and Procedures– Tonny Christensen**

- The committee is working on Mr. Don Wood's comments and suggestions. Also pending is the memorial plaque request from Recreation Park 9 Men's Club. Commissioner McCann is seeking recommendation to approve the installation of a boulder with an attached bronze memorial plaque, honoring Troy Bradshaw

E. Tournaments – Robin Bellamy

- No committee report.

F. Junior Golf Advisory – Linda Cook

- No committee report.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

9. **COMMENTS**

A. AUDIENCE

- Mr. Al Theriault asked if the golf rates were going up. Chairman Rowland answered none in the near future.

B. STAFF

- None

C. COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Townsend played Skylinks Golf Course and used the GPS system and commented it has several great features available for golfers to use.
- Commissioner Townsend thanked City staff for answering golf comment cards in a timely manner.
- Commissioner Peeters inquired as to how much money has been earned from carts since the GPS system was implemented. Mr. Lortz will verify the cart use numbers and report back to the commission.

- Commissioner Kennett reminded the commissioners of the upcoming Long Beach Women's City Championship on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> all are invited to view and support the ladies playing golf.
- Commissioner Bellamy inquired about the drinking fountain on the south side at Skylinks Golf Course. Mr. Lortz informed the commission that staff is looking for a new location to hook up to drinking water.
- Chairman Rowland reminded commissioners of the upcoming election of officers and new committees at the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

**August 24, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.  
Heartwell Junior Golf Building  
6730 E. Carson Street  
Long Beach, CA 90808**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emy Arteaga  
Golf Operations Support

c: Municipal Golf Commission  
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager  
Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Thomas A. Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations  
Terry L. Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations  
Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf Corporation  
Lisa Georgeson, Director of Junior Golf Programs